

## OPINION 1936

*Thamnotettix nigropictus* Stål, 1870 (currently *Nephotettix nigropictus*; Insecta, Homoptera): specific name conserved

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### Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *nigromaculatus* Motschulsky, 1859, as published in the binomen *Pediopsis nigromaculatus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *nigropictus* Stål, 1870, as published in the binomen *Thamnotettix nigropicta* (sic), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *nigromaculatus* Motschulsky, 1859, as published in the binomen *Pediopsis nigromaculatus* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

### History of Case 3039

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Thamnotettix nigropictus* Stål, 1870 was received from Dr M.R. Wilson (*National Museums and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff, U.K.*) on 28 January 1997. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 55: 90–92 (June 1998). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1999 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 55: 91. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1999 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Savage, Schuster, Štys

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Dupuis, Lehtinen, Patterson and Song.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Dupuis declined to vote on the grounds that less than a year had elapsed since publication of the case. [*Editorial note.* An explanation of procedure followed in sending cases for voting was given in BZN 54: 53–54, March 1997].

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*nigromaculatus*, *Pediopsis*, Motschulsky, 1859, *Études Entomologiques, rédigées par Victor de Motschulsky*, vol. 8, p. 111.

*nigropictus*, *Thamnotettix*, Stål, 1870, *Öfversigt af Kongliga Svenska Vetenskaps-Akademiens Förhandlingar*, 27: 740.